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LEED® for Neighborhood Developments

LEED-ND integrates the principles of smart growth and green building into the first national rating system for neighborhood planning and design. Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council in partnership with the Congress for New Urbanism and the Natural Resources Defense Council, LEED-ND uses the framework of LEED to deliver more efficient energy and water use – especially important in urban areas where infrastructure is often overtaxed. It will also focus on neighborhood designs that reduce vehicle miles traveled and foster communities where jobs and services are accessible by foot, bicycle or public transit. LEED-ND certification will recognize those development projects that successfully protect and enhance the overall health, natural environment, and quality of life of our communities. LEED-ND's pilot program is set to launch late 2006, and a preliminary draft is available online at www.usgbc.org/leed/nd.



LEED® Green Building Rating System™

LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) is a voluntary standard that defines high performance green building projects which are healthier, more environmentally responsible and more profitable structures. Developed by USGBC, LEED certification validates to all perspective stakeholders that a building is a green structure. Certification also benchmarks the building's performance over time – quantifying the return on investment of green design, construction, systems, and materials. With four progressive, point-based levels of certification – Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum – LEED addresses commercial, institutional, and residential markets through several individualized systems:



LEED for Homes



LEED for New Construction



LEED for Commercial Interiors



LEED for Existing Buildings



LEED for Core & Shell

30% in energy cost savings, and reduction in harmful emissions

40% reduction in office building water use

50 - 75% of construction and demolition waste diverted from landfills

Why build green?

Why grow smart?

Protect undeveloped watersheds and habitat

Capture energy savings from reduced transportation needs

Maximize the utility of existing infrastructure and plan extensions carefully

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